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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
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The Honorable Kay Granger
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Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

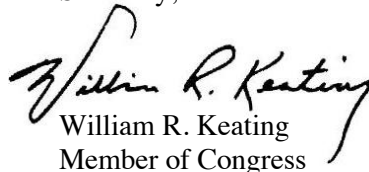
I am requesting \$5,000,000.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for “**YMCA South Coast Expansion**” located in New Bedford, MA. The entity to receive funding is Young Men's Christian Association Southcoast, Inc. with offices located at 25 South Water Street , New Bedford, MA 02740.

This project will expand and improve the current YMCA building in New Bedford that is fifty years old. The capital plans for the building include the addition of a second pool which will have a zero depth entry and be a warm water pool. The project will also relocate the subterranean workout area creating a state of the art fitness center on the second floor overlooking Union Street in New Bedford, as well as renovation and expansion of the education wing to include an infant and toddler program.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the New Bedford YMCA has the largest membership base in the region and serves hundreds of youth and families every day supporting healthier and happier lives. The City of New Bedford has a rate of poverty twice that of the rest of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and it is important for government to support the YMCA's role in keeping the city's children off the streets and focused on health and education.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,


William R. Keating
Member of Congress